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Leslie Cornette  
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April 21, 2022

Don Howerton, Executive Director  
United Way of the Coalfield  
1 South Main Street  
Madisonville, KY 42431

Dear Mr. Howerton,

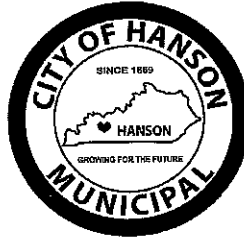
As the Mayor of Greenville, Kentucky, in Muhlenberg County, I am grateful for the United Way of the Coalfield and their efforts to create new childcare opportunities for Muhlenberg and Hopkins Counties. I appreciate your collaboration with Congressman Comer's office to attempt to secure funds for the project, which will help those struggling to find quality childcare.

For many years, Muhlenberg County has been lacking in enough quality available childcare to serve its parents, limiting their ability to work or further their education. This also impacts our county's ability to maintain a quality workforce and hampers our economic stability. Even with the Muhlenberg County School system's head start and preschool programs, which begin at 3 years old, we have 3-5 children for every one open slot at our current daycares, according to Kentucky's Prichard Committee reports.

Working in partnership with the Pennyryle Area Development District, the local YMCAs, and Congressman Comer's office, I fully support the United Way of the Coalfield's efforts to create new, quality childcare facilities in Muhlenberg and Hopkins Counties. Thank you for your efforts and I look forward to working with you to help bring this project to completion. Please contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Jan Yonts  
Mayor  
City of Greenville



April 13, 2022

Don Howerton, Executive Director  
United Way of the Coalfield  
1 South Main Street  
Madisonville, KY 42431

Dear Mr. Howerton,

We at City of Hanson continue to be grateful to the United Way of the Coalfield for making the continuation of critical services to our residents possible. This past year has been remarkably difficult for many, where economic instability and a critical natural disaster has created an influx of citizens seeking assistance from one or more of our many area non-profits. Our local United Way has consistently supported and subsidized these agencies for decades.

We also fully support seeing yours and your partner agencies grow to impact more citizens in our community. Dependable and affordable childcare just happens to be one of the most-needed services in Hopkins County. Many people who would otherwise enter our workforce ultimately postpone employment for years due to lack of available childcare, and many workers who are established and want to stay in the workforce are forced to make the difficult decision to terminate employment when daycares are no longer cost-effective or full to capacity.

We fully support the United Way's attempt to help establish, with additional funding through the Pennyrite Area Development District and manpower from the local YMCAs, a new childcare facility in Hopkins and Muhlenberg counties. These centers will eliminate one of the toughest obstacles for working parents and ensure that employers in both counties attract and retain valued employees. We know the United Way is working hard to build our community and providing incentives to work and building educational readiness in our children is a great way to start.

We look forward to keeping the United Way of the Coalfield as a critical resource in Hopkins County, and will continue to refer our needy residents to partner agency services. Feel free to contact me if I can be of service in any way. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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Mayor Jimmy Epley



# HOPKINS COUNTY FISCAL COURT

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JUDGE EXECUTIVE  
**Jack Whitfield, Jr.**

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT  
Laura Harvey

April 13, 2022

Don Howerton, Executive Director  
United Way of the Coalfield  
1 South Main Street  
Madisonville, KY 42431

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Sincerely,

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Jack Whitfield, Jr.  
Hopkins County Judge Executive

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# MUHLENBERG COUNTY FISCAL COURT

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April 13, 2022

Don Howerton, Executive Director  
United Way of the Coalfield  
1 South Main Street  
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Dear Mr. Howerton,

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Sincerely,

Curtis McGehee  
Muhlenberg County Judge Executive

## MAGISTRATES

Malcolm West  
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**From:** lharvey hopkinscounty.net <lharvey@hopkinscounty.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 9:26 AM  
**To:** Janet Dunbar; mayor@dawsonspringsky.com; casey@cityofhanson.com; Martha Hamby; karenlantrip@bellsouth.net; Julie Sellers; kgreer1wpclerk@gmail.com  
**Cc:** Dee Padgett  
**Subject:** United Way Letter of Support  
**Attachments:** UW letter of support - childcare.docx

Good morning, everyone!

The United Way of the Coalfield is working on a grant proposal to build a childcare facility in Hopkins and Muhlenberg counties, and needs as many letters of support from local officials for this project. If you are willing to submit, please do so to [dee.padgett@unitedwayofthecoalfield.org](mailto:dee.padgett@unitedwayofthecoalfield.org) by the end of the day today as their deadline to submit is tomorrow. I have attached the letter the judge executive is using as an example. It also includes more information about the project. Thanks!

**Laura Harvey**  
**Executive Assistant/Fiscal Court Clerk**  
**Hopkins County Judge Executive's Office**  
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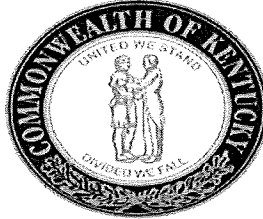


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# Commonwealth of Kentucky

## House of Representatives

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### Legislative District 9

April 21, 2022

Mr. Don Howerton, Executive Director  
United Way of the Coalfield  
1 South Main Street  
Madisonville, Kentucky 42431

Dear Mr. Howerton:

I am writing this letter in support of the United Way of the Coalfield's grant proposal regarding expanding child care facilities in the greater Madisonville area.

The current lack of child care is by far the most common obstacle to the hire and retention of employees by area companies. This prevents them from expanding the local economy and helping employees and their families from achieving their hopes and dreams. Affordable and high quality child care will benefit the entire community by increasing the workforce participation rate and the provision of services in the community by expanding the local tax base.

I strongly support the United Way of the Coalfield's grant submittal. If I can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call my office.

Sincerely,

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Myron Dossett  
State Representative  
District 9

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# Commonwealth of Kentucky

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
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**12TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT**

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April 21, 2022

Mr. Don Howerton, Executive Director  
United Way of the Coalfield  
1 South Main Street  
Madisonville, Kentucky 42431

Dear Mr. Howerton:

I am writing to express my full support for the United Way of the Coalfield's Community Project Funding request for Fiscal Year 2023. It is my understanding that the United Way, with additional funding from the Pennyrile Area Development District and manpower from local YMCAs, will use the funding to establish two additional daycare facilities in Hopkins and Muhlenberg Counties.

Dependable and affordable childcare is important to our region's workforce, and parents without access may be forced to choose between their job and their child's care. These new centers will help to eliminate that obstacle for working parents and ensure that employers can attract and retain employees.

The United Way of the Coalfield is a critical resource to the economic success of our region, and I am grateful for their commitment to the betterment of our communities. If I may be of assistance in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jim Gooch, Jr.  
State Representative

JG/mcb

# Commonwealth of Kentucky

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**Melinda Gibbons Prunty**  
15th Legislative District

April 21, 2022

The Honorable James Comer  
United States House of Representatives  
2410 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515-1701

Dear Representative Comer:

I write to extend my support for the United Way of the Coalfield's application for funding through the Community Project Funding Program.

Funds obtained from this program will be used to construct two new childcare facilities in Hopkins and Muhlenberg Counties. The lack of affordable childcare is a significant contributing factor to the workforce shortage in the area. These facilities would support the expansion of the workforce by reducing the cost of reliable, quality childcare, allowing parents to return to work knowing their children are well taken care of.

I appreciate your consideration on this matter. If I can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me at (502) 564-8100, Ext. 59308.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melinda Gibbons Prunty". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Melinda Gibbons Prunty  
State Representative  
House District 15

MGP/db

### Committees

Appropriations & Revenue • Budget Review Subcommittee Health & Family Services, Vice-Chair  
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## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY STATE SENATE

April 20, 2022

The Honorable James Comer  
United States House of Representatives  
2410 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Comer:

Please accept this letter of support for the United Way of the Coalfield, Inc. in Hopkins County to design and construct a childcare center. Although a location for the facility has not been selected at the time of this writing, county representatives are hopeful to have one at the Madisonville Community College to educate childcare staff. There is a similar request in conjunction with this one in Muhlenberg County, whose potential childcare center will be located in Greenville. The current plan is for these facilities to be owned by a new nonprofit corporation and staffed by the Advanced Resilience & Community Health Coalition, Inc. and the Hopkins County Family YMCA.

I am hopeful that this request will be looked upon and considered favorably. Childcare—particularly the lack of and the need for it—has long been openly discussed and debated, especially during the pandemic months, and it continues to be a problem in so many areas. Training of these workers is essential to recovery, growth, and success, not only in Hopkins County, but across our state. I believe this to be a worthwhile request.

I appreciate your time and attention to the needs of Hopkins County. As you know, this county is new to my Senate District, and I look forward to working with its leaders and the many constituents. Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me about this or other issues. Feel free to call me on my cell phone at 270-724-9981 any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert M. Mills".

Robert M. "Robby" Mills  
State Senator  
District 4

RMM/pjd

# Commonwealth of Kentucky

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SENATOR WHITNEY H. WESTERFIELD

April 22, 2022

Don Howerton, Executive Director  
United Way of the Coalfield  
1 South Main Street  
Madisonville, Kentucky 42431

Dear Mr. Howerton:

I am writing this letter to announce my full support for a grant application to expand child care facilities in Muhlenberg and Hopkins counties. The United Way of the Coalfield's grant proposal will provide much-needed child care services in this region.

The lack of quality, affordable child care in this area, and the rest of the commonwealth, has an enormous adverse economic impact. Often parents must miss work due to child care issues. Those missed work days mean employers lose productivity and incur additional costs. Too often parents are left with the unenviable choice between going to work and staying home with their children.

Approval of this grant application will help solve one of the most pressing issues working parents have to deal with, and it will lead to a more stable workforce.

If I can provide any additional information or answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Whitney H. Westerfield  
State Senator, 3<sup>rd</sup> District

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